

## **The Congressional Ukrainian Caucus**

### **Co-Chaired by**

**Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur**      **Congressman Curt Weldon**  
**Congressman Sander Levin**      **Congressman Roscoe Bartlett**

## **Briefing on Chornobyl**

**Thursday, April 27, 2006**  
**2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Room HC - 6, The U.S. Capitol Building**

### **Agenda**

#### **2:00pm Introductory Remarks**

**Congressman Curt Weldon**

**Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur**

**Congressman Sander Levin**

**Congressman Roscoe Bartlett**

**His Excellency Oleh Shamshur**  
*Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States*

**His Excellency Mikhail Khvostov**  
*Ambassador of Belarus to the United States*

**Mr. Yevgeny Zvedre**  
*Senior Counselor, Science & Technology, Embassy of the Russian Federation to the United States*

#### **2:50pm The Human Dimension of the Chornobyl Catastrophe**

**Ms. Kathleen Ryan**  
*Executive Director, Chernobyl Children's Project International (USA/Belarus)*

**Mr. Alexander Kuzma**  
*Executive Director, Children of Chornobyl Relief & Development Fund (USA/Ukraine)*

3:10pm **PANEL I**

**Long Term Effects of Radiation on Health, Environment & Agriculture**

*Organized in cooperation with the U.S. Civilian Research & Development Foundation*

**Mrs. Cathleen Campbell, Moderator**

*President & CEO, U.S. Civilian Research & Development Foundation*

**Dr. Ronald Chesser**

*Professor of Biological Sciences, Texas Tech University: Director, Center for Environmental Radiation Studies*

**The Honorable Yuri Scherbak**

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine, former Ambassador of Ukraine to the U.S., former Minister of Environmental Protection of Ukraine*

**Dr. Scott Davis**

*Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of Washington*

**Dr. William Novick**

*Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon, University of Tennessee Cardiac Surgery*

**Mr. Warren Stern**

*Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Safety, and Security, US Department of State, Chernobyl Shelter Project*

4:10pm **Q&A**

4:30pm **COFFEE BREAK**

4:40 pm **PANEL II**

**U.S. Government & International Response to the Chernobyl Catastrophe**

**The Honorable Marcy Kaptur, Moderator**

**The Honorable Kenneth S. Yalowitz**

*Former U.S. Ambassador to Belarus*

**The Honorable Carlos Pascual**

*Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine*

**Mr. George Frowick**

*Division Chief for Freedom Support Act, Office for US Assistance to Europe and Eurasia, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State*

**Mr. Kalman Mizsei**

*Assistant Secretary General of the UN; Deputy Administrator of UNDP; Deputy UN Coordinator on Chernobyl; Director, Regional Bureau for Europe & CIS, UNDP*

**Mr. Sergiy Kulyk**

*Country Program Coordinator for Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, World Bank*

5:40pm **Q&A**

# **Briefing on Chornobyl Bios of the Panelists**

## ***The Human Dimension of the Chornobyl Catastrophe***

### ***Ms. Kathleen Ryan***

*Executive Director, Chernobyl Children's Project International (USA/Belarus)*

**Kathy Ryan** is Executive Director/USA and on the board of directors of Chernobyl Children's Project International, a humanitarian, medical aid and community development organization that has worked for 15 years with Chernobyl-affected communities in Belarus. Previous to her position with Chernobyl Children's Project International, Ryan spent 11 years at America Online, Inc., where she served as vice president and held management positions in marketing, product development and design, public relations, and advertising, and managed the company's relationships with a number of high profile business and content partners. Ryan made her career change when she discovered the irrelevance of international borders after adopting two children from Russia. She lives in Washington DC.

### ***Mr. Alexander Kuzma***

*Executive Director, Children of Chornobyl Relief & Development Fund (USA/Ukraine)*

**Alexander Kuzma** is Executive Director of Children of Chornobyl Relief and Development Fund. As Executive Director, Alexander Kuzma developed hospital partnerships in 14 oblasts of Ukraine; helped to secure millions of dollars worth of medical technology, pharmaceuticals and humanitarian assistance for Ukrainian hospitals. (Rivne, Lutsk, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Chernihiv, Chernivtsi, Odessa, Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Vinnytsia). Managed major grants from US Agency for International Development; John Deere, Monsanto, UMC. Appointed by Ambassador of Ukraine Yuri Shcherbak to serve as National Coordinator for the Chornobyl Challenge '96 campaign commemorating Tenth Anniversary of the Chornobyl Disaster. Coordinated scholarly conferences at Yale and Columbia Universities, Harriman Institute. Testified at Congressional hearings as an expert witness on the Chornobyl aftermath. Organized charity ice gala featuring Olympic and World Champions Viktor Petrenko, Brian Boitano, Sasha Cohen, Ekaterina Gordeeva and other international skating stars at the International Skating Center of Connecticut, raising over \$180,000 for CCRDF's partner hospital in Odessa. Worked with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (USA) to dramatically improve living conditions in orphanages housing severely disabled children (Znamianka and Zaluchya and Dachnyj).

Education: Bachelor's Degree in International Literature from Yale University (1977); Law Degree from Northeastern University School of Law (Boston) (1987).

Married since 1993 to Irene Kytasty Kuzma, with three daughters: Alina, Teryn, Maya-Victoria ages 11, 8 and 2)

## ***PANEL I***

### ***Long Term Effects of Radiation on Health, Environment & Agriculture***

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### ***Mrs. Cathleen Campbell, Moderator***

*President & CEO, U.S. Civilian Research & Development Foundation*

U.S. Civilian Research & Development Foundation (CRDF) President and CEO **Cathleen A. Campbell** has nearly three decades of international science and technology policy and program management experience - serving most recently as CRDF's Senior Vice President.

Ms. Campbell served from 1998 to 2002 as Director of the Office of International Policy and

Programs in the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce, as well as Executive Director of the U.S.-Israel Science and Technology Commission. From 1995 to 1997, she was a Senior Policy Analyst in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and for four months served as OSTP's Acting International Director. Ms. Campbell was the U.S. State Department's Program Officer for Soviet/Russian Science and Technology affairs, from 1989 to 1994, in which capacity she led an interagency team that developed and implemented new, post-Cold War policies and programs on science and technology cooperation with the former Soviet Union.

Ms. Campbell holds an M.A. in Russian and East European Studies from the George Washington University and a B.S. in Russian from Georgetown University.

***Dr. Ronald Chesser***

*Professor of Biological Sciences, Texas Tech University: Director, Center for Environmental Radiation Studies*

**Dr. Chesser** is a Professor of Behavioral Ecology, Population Dynamics and Evolution of Social Systems and Director the Center for Environmental Radiation Studies and Interdisciplinary Program in Biological Informatics at Texas Tech University. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma, his Masters in Science at Memphis State University and his Ph.D in Zoology at the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. Chesser's first expedition to Chernobyl was in September 1992 and was the first to be provided full access to the Exclusion Zone for research purposes in 1993. Since then he has led over 50 scientific expeditions researching the biological, ecological, and human impacts of the Chernobyl accident. Dr. Chesser's research at Chernobyl has led to nearly 50 of his over 130 scientific publications which detail environmental radiation impacts. Dr. Chesser has given over 100 seminars worldwide describing his work at Chernobyl. In 1997 Dr. Chesser proposed the formation and received funding for the International Radioecology Laboratory to be built in Ukraine to support research on the ecological and human health impacts of the Chernobyl accident.

***The Honorable Yuri Scherbak***

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine, former Ambassador of Ukraine to the U.S., former Minister of Environmental Protection of Ukraine*

Ph.D. in epidemiology (1966)

Doctor of Medical Science in epidemiology (1983)

Professor of Political Science (2003)

2003-2004	Professor of Political Science, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine
2000-2003	Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada
1998-2000	International Affairs Adviser to the President of Ukraine
1994-1998	Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States of America and Mexico
1992-1994	Ambassador of Ukraine to Israel
1991-1992	Minister of Environmental Protection of Ukraine
1991-1992	National Security Council of Ukraine, Member
1989-1991	USSR Supreme Soviet, Member, Chairman of Subcommittee for Energy and Nuclear Safety
1990-1991	Green Party of Ukraine, Chairman
1988-1991	Green Movement (Green World), Chairman
1958-1987	L.V. Gromashevsky Scientific and Research Institute of Epidemiology and Infection Diseases, Senior Researcher

**Dr. Scott Davis**

*Chairman, Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health and Community Medicine,  
University of Washington*

**Dr. Davis** is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Epidemiology in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at the University of Washington and a Full Member in the Program in Epidemiology of the Division of Public Health Sciences at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. He obtained his undergraduate degree in Biology and Chemistry from the University of New Mexico, a Master of Science in Community Health from the University of Rochester, and a PhD in Epidemiology from the University of Washington. He is recently served as a member of the BEIR VII Committee of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Davis is the only foreign epidemiologist elected a member (Academician) of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences.

Since 1990 Dr. Davis has lead a team of researchers to investigate thyroid cancer among people in areas contaminated by radiation from the Chernobyl incident. To date, efforts have been successful in establishing methods and procedures to identify, locate, enroll, and examine relatively large numbers of persons exposed to Chernobyl radiation, to estimate radiation doses they may have received, and to engage in molecular characterization of specific tumor types of interest.

**Dr. William Novick**

*Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon, University of Tennessee Cardiac Surgery*

**Dr. Novick** has been Associate Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics at the University of Tennessee - Memphis since September 1993 and Endowed Professor of the Paul Nemir, Jr. Chair of International Child Health since October 1999. He obtained his undergraduate degree at Troy State and graduate degree in biochemistry and medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He received his training in general surgery at the University of Pennsylvania and cardiac training at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is board certified in general and thoracic surgery and is a member of many professional organizations.

Dr. Novick is the Founder and Medical Director of the International Children's Heart Foundation, a non-profit organization whose primary focus is on improving the care of children in developing countries. To date, the foundation has operated on over 2,000 children with congenital heart defects in 17 different countries. In 2004, Dr. Novick was awarded the Franskaya Scorina Humanitarian Presidential Medal for his dedication to the health and well being of Belarusian children with congenital heart defects. His work in Belarus was featured in the Academy Award winning film, *Chernobyl Heart*.

**Mr. Warren Stern**

*Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Safety, and Security, US Department of State,  
Chernobyl Shelter Project*

**Warren Stern** is the Senior Coordinator for Nuclear Safety at the U.S. Department of State. In this capacity, Mr. Stern serves as the U.S. Representative to the G-8 Nuclear Safety and Security Group (NSWG), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development's Nuclear Safety Account and the Chernobyl Shelter Fund. Prior to assuming the position of Senior Coordinator, Mr. Stern served as Senior Technical and Policy Advisor in the Nonproliferation Bureau at the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA). During his time at ACDA, Mr. Stern developed and implemented U.S. nonproliferation strategies in the areas of export control, nuclear material security, safeguards and others.

Mr. Stern received his Masters in Nuclear Engineering from *the Massachusetts Institute of Technology* and his Masters in National Securities Studies from the U.S. *National War College*. Mr. Stern received his undergraduate education at Brandeis University

**PANEL II**  
**U.S. Government & International Response to the Chernobyl Catastrophe**

***The Honorable Marcy Kaptur, Moderator***

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur represents the Toledo area's Ninth Congressional District in Northwest Ohio. She is currently serving her twelfth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. As the senior-most Democratic woman in the House, Kaptur holds a seat on the Appropriations committee and the Defense and Agriculture subcommittees.

Having won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives during the recession of 1982, Kaptur witnessed firsthand communities hit hard by bad economic times. As an outspoken advocate for working people, Kaptur has dedicated herself to improving the economic situation of her district. She remains dedicated to democratic institution-building across the globe and has spearheaded private charitable efforts for people of Ukraine and of other countries. As Co-Chair of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, she has lead efforts to establish a Congressional-Rada exchange program. She is the key sponsor of regulatory changes that force accountability on Russian food aid relief, helping to insure one billion dollars of United States resources go to people in need, not into the black market or pockets of government bureaucrats. As leader on issues related to international trade and human and labor rights, Kaptur will continue to assess the impact of NAFTA and actively engage upcoming trade negotiations on the side of workers.

Trained as a city and regional planner, she practiced 15 years in Toledo and throughout the United States before seeking office. Appointed as an urban advisor to the Carter White House, she helped maneuver 17 housing and neighborhood revitalization bills through the Congress during those years.

She recently received the Director's Award from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University for her commitment to increased understanding and appreciation of the peoples and cultures of Eurasia, Russia and East Europe. Kaptur was given the Veterans of Foreign Wars Americanism Award due to her legislation that authorized the National World War II Memorial, and also received the Prisoner of War "Barbed Wire" Award for her work on behalf of veterans.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in history from the University of Wisconsin and received her Masters' Degree in urban planning from the University of Michigan.

***The Honorable Kenneth S. Yalowitz***  
***Former U.S. Ambassador to Belarus***

Appointed the Norman E. McCulloch, Jr. Director of the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, July 1, 2003.

**Ambassador Yalowitz** completed his undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin and holds a Russian Institute Certificate, MA and Master of Philosophy degree from Columbia University. He speaks Russian. He retired from the US Department of State on September 30, 2001 after 36 years as career diplomat and member of the Senior Foreign Service. He served twice as a U.S. ambassador: to the Republic of Belarus from 1994-1997; and to Georgia from 1998-2001. His other foreign assignments included two tours of duty in Moscow, The Hague and the US Mission to NATO in Brussels. His domestic assignments have included country director for Australia-New Zealand Affairs, deputy director for economics of the Office of Soviet Union Affairs, and Congressional Foreign Affairs Fellow. Ambassador Yalowitz previously taught political science at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He also served as the Area Studies Chair on the former Soviet Union (1993-94) and Dean of the Senior Seminar (1997-98) at

the Foreign Service Institute, the U.S. government's training institution for preparing American diplomats and other professionals for foreign service.

He has won a variety of awards for conflict prevention and for overall diplomatic performance. He was chosen for the Ambassador Robert Frasure award for peacemaking and conflict prevention in 2000 for his work to prevent the spillover of the Chechen war into Georgia.

He has been adjunct professor of government at Georgetown University, visiting fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, a diplomat-in-residence at American University and a member of the Institutional Review Board of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

***The Honorable Carlos Pascual***  
*Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine*

Carlos Pascual is vice president and director of the Foreign Policy Studies Program at the Brookings Institution. Mr. Pascual joins Brookings after a 23 year career in the United States Department of State, National Security Council (NSC), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Before joining Brookings, Mr. Pascual served as coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization at the United States Department of State where he led and coordinated U.S. government planning to help stabilize and reconstruct societies in transition from conflict or civil strife. Prior to serving as coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, Mr. Pascual was coordinator for U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia (2003) where he guided the development of regional and country assistance strategies to promote market-oriented and democratic states and to ensure that U.S. assistance reinforces American interests. He managed the allocation and implementation of approximately \$1.1 billion in annual assistance.

From October 2000-August 2003, Mr. Pascual served as U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine. He oversaw U.S. policy focused on promoting Ukrainian reforms critical to its integration with the Euro-Atlantic community. Key priorities included strengthening grassroots democratic initiatives, promoting counter-terrorism and non-proliferation, and building a strong private sector.

Mr. Pascual served as special assistant to the President and NSC senior director for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia from July 1998 to January 2000. He advised the President on U.S. policy to advance security interests with Russia and reduce proliferation risks. From June 1995 to July 1998, Mr. Pascual was director for Russian, Ukrainian and Eurasian Affairs at the NSC, responsible for economic policy and for Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus. Prior to his work at the NSC, Mr. Pascual held several positions at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). From February 1994 to June 1995 he was deputy assistant administrator for Europe and the New Independent States. He oversaw budget and policy development for USAID's annual programs of \$1.2 billion in the region. In June 1992, Mr. Pascual became director of the Office of Program Analysis and Coordination for the New Independent States Task Force. He joined USAID in 1983 and served in Sudan, South Africa, Mozambique, and in Washington's Africa Bureau.

Mr. Pascual received his M.P.P. from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1982 and his B.A. from Stanford University in 1980.

***Mr. George Frowick***

*Division Chief for Freedom Support Act, Office for US Assistance to Europe and Eurasia, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State*

**George Frowick** is a career member of the United States Foreign Service, currently serving as Director of the FREEDOM Support Act (FSA) Division of the Office of the Assistance Coordinator for Europe and Eurasia Affairs. The FSA account includes assistance for all of the states of the

former Soviet Union. Because of the recent State Department reorganization, the FSA division also reports to, and is a part of, the newly formed Bureau for South and Central Asian Affairs.

George Frowick has served previously as Special Assistant to Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Marc Grossman, chief of the political/economic section at the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See, Desk Officer for Serbian Affairs (in which capacity he participated in the Rambouillet Peace Talks in February-March 1999), Serbia Sanctions officer, Desk Officer for Macedonian Affairs, and in Consular positions in Paris, France and Seoul, Korea.

Frowick's father, Ambassador Robert H. Frowick, was a career member of the Foreign Service whose distinguished career in East-West and Balkan diplomacy inspired George to enter the Foreign Service. George received a BA from San Francisco State University (1986) and a MA from Stanford University (1990), and is married with two sons.

**Mr. Kalman Mizsei**

*Assistant Secretary General of the UN; Deputy Administrator of UNDP; Deputy UN Coordinator on Chernobyl; Director, Regional Bureau for Europe & CIS, UNDP*

**Kalman Mizsei** is the Assistant Administrator and the Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations. He also serves as the Deputy Coordinator of International Cooperation on Chernobyl.

Prior to his current position at UNDP, Mr. Mizsei was the Chief Investment Officer for Central and Eastern Europe with American International Group, Inc. He has also served as chairman of the Hungarian Export Import Bank, Ltd. and of the Hungarian Export Credit Insurance Ltd. As Vice President for Economic Programmes of the Institute for EastWest Studies as well as in other positions, Mr. Mizsei has acted as a senior advisor to governments of the region on their economic transition and reform as well as on such issues as privatization, debt relief, governance, banking and bankruptcy reform. He served as Deputy Director of the Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and was a major participant in the East and Central European Transformation project sponsored by the United Nations University.

Mr. Mizsei was born in Budapest, Hungary. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Budapest University of Economics.

**Mr. Sergiy Kulyk**

*Country Program Coordinator for Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, World Bank*

Education	1980	Ukraine, Kyiv State University, International Economic Relations and Banking
	2001	Harvard Business School, Executive Development Program
Employment	1980-89	Civil Service, Ukraine
	1989-91	Economic Secretary, Mission to the United Nations, New York,
	1992-93	Charge d'Affaires, Principal Economic Officer, Embassy of Ukraine in Washington, D.C.
	1993-99	World Bank, Assistant, Advisor, Alternate Executive Director, the Dutch Constituency, World Bank.
	1999-2002	Country Manager for Belarus, World Bank
	2002-current	Country Program Coordinator for Ukraine Belarus and Moldova, Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank

Married with son